identified in Tamil Nadu in consultation with the State Government for integrated development in a phased manner;— Madrs, Mamllapuram (Mahabalipuram), Thirukazhulkundram, Kanchipuram. Tiruchirapalli, Thanjavur P,udkottai, Madurai, Rameshwaram, Kanya Kumari, Courtallam, Krishangiri, Hogennakal, Yercaud, Coimbatore, Uthagamandalam and Kodaikanal.

The Ministry of Tourism has no proposal to put up a Five Star Hotel at Kanyakumari.

Develoment of Kanyakumari as a place of Tourist importance

1632. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Tamil Nadu has sent a proposal to the Central Government for the development of Kanyakumari into a more important tourist centre, by introducing a Tri-sea Pleasure Boat Service; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and by when the proposal is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) and (b) The State Government of Tamilnadu has not forwarded any proposal for Tri-Sea Pleasure Boat Service. However, they have sent the proposal for purchase of a Motor Launch for deep sea cruising at Kanyakumari. The State Government of Tamil Nadu has been asked to submit a revised proposal incorporating requisite details. The reply of the State Government is awaited.

1633. [*Transferred to the 20th March,* 1987].

Assessment of strength of trade unions

1634. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new procedure to assess the strength of Trade Unions has been evolved; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of judicial commission to determine citizenship status of Nepalese

1635. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a judicial commission to determine citizenship status of Nepalese living in different parts of the country; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) No. Sir. Provisions already exist for determination of citizenship status under the Constitution and in the Citizenship Act, 1955.

Revamping of Export processing zones

1636. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Export Processing Zones are being revamped and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether the UNCTAD have made any suggestions on the subject?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) The Export Processing Zones in the country have been established with the requisite infrastructure, input support and linkage with domestic industrial capabilities. There

is no proposal for revamping the E. P. Zones. The functioning of the Zones is however, reviewed from time to time to improve the efficiency in the light of experience gained.

(b) UNCTAD has brought out a study on Export Processing Zones in developing countries. This study generally sets out the scheme of Export Processing Zones, the experience of various countries and suggestions for upgrading the operation of the zones. No specific suggestion has been made in this study in regard to the revamping of Export Processing Zones in India.

1637. [*Transferred to the 18th March*, 1987].

Amendment of official secrets Act

1638. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to plug the loopholes in the Official Secrets Act and make it more stringent by suitably amending the Act; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Certain proposals are under consideration of Government and it would be premature to disclose the details at this stage due to the sensitive nature of the subject.

Supply of arms and ammunitions ot dealers in Delhi

1639. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have brought out some changes in regard to the guidelines and procedure for supply of arms and ammunition to dealers in Delhi recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof: and

(c) whether the Central Government have asked the State Governments to issue similar guidelines and procedure to the arms and ammunition dealers in their respective States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Rooms in Ranjit Hotel Rented for Commercial Purposes

1640. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rooms given on rent in Ranjit Hotel, New Delhi for the functioning of vaious offices/shops/showrooms;

(b) whether these accommodations were given on rent after giving advertisements in the national dailies for the purpose;

(c) whether the rent is being charged room-wise or sq.ft-wise and what are the charges therefor;

(d) whether some of the office/shops/show-room owners are defaulters in respect of payment of rent; and

(e) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take against such defaulters and how the money will be receovered?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) In all 56 rooms have licensed including 21 rooms to Govt. Departments and 8 rooms to public sector undertakings.

(b) and (c) The advertisements were issued by the Ranjit Hotel Management, one in 1984 and another in 1986. The licensing arrangements in respect of the 56 rooms are based on room tariff with discount by negotiations ranging between 21 per cent to 49 per cent.